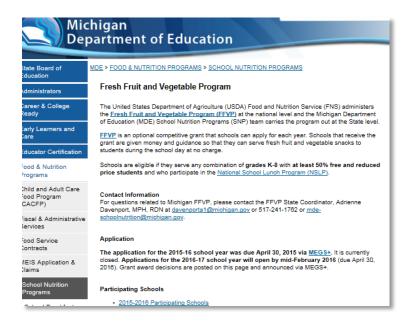
# Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Cost Item Entry Instructions For The MiND System

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#### Overview

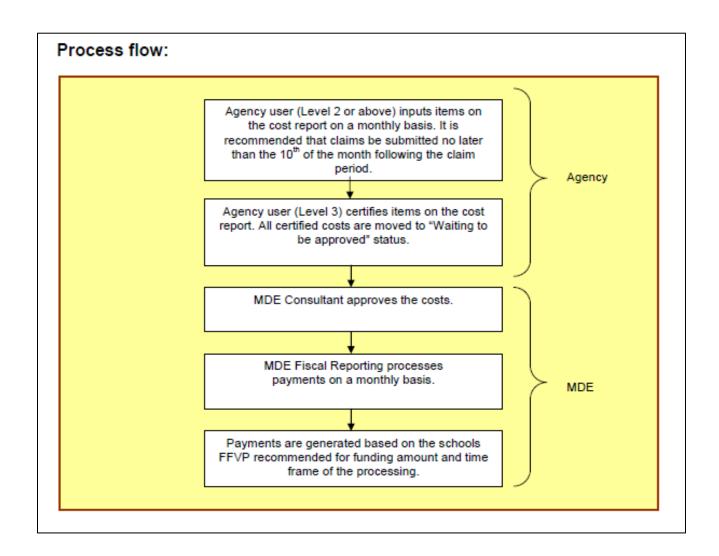
The FFVP operates on a reimbursement basis, meaning that all costs related to the program are entered into requests for reimbursement. These requests are submitted through the Michigan Nutrition Data System, or MiND. After entries are approved by the FFVP Coordinator at the State level, funds are reimbursed through the Michigan Department of Education Cash Management System (CMS). Cost items submitted for reimbursement may be entered as frequently as desired (i.e., are not limited to entering once a month). Information on FFVP grant usage is available in the MiND system for at least the past four years of FFVP, if applicable. For questions related to FFVP, contact FFVP Coordinator, Adrienne Davenport, at davenporta1@michigan.gov or 517-241-1762.



### Claim Entry Requirements

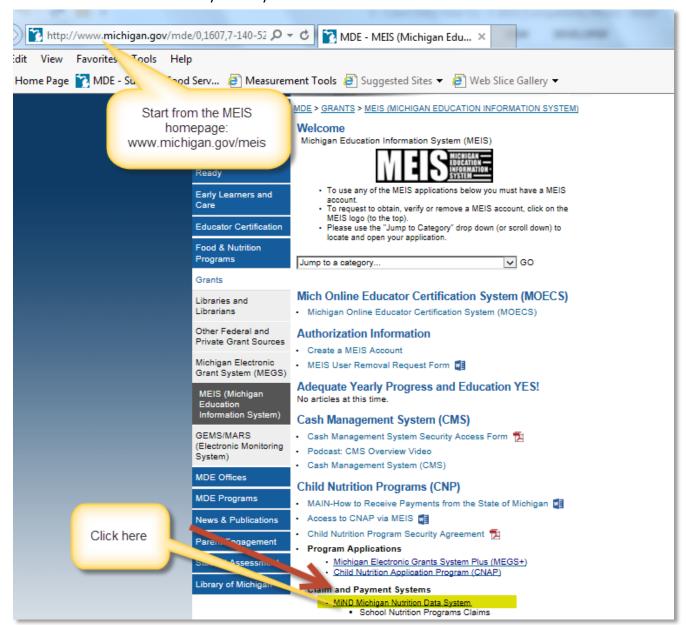
The following three items must be completed before cost items may be claimed for reimbursement. A visual of the process flow is also provided below.

- 1. A complete and certified FFVP application for the current fiscal year in MEGS+;
- 2. An agency user who has a MEIS account and has completed the security access form; and
- 3. A computer workstation with internet connectivity. Recommended browser is Internet Explorer 6.0 or later versions.



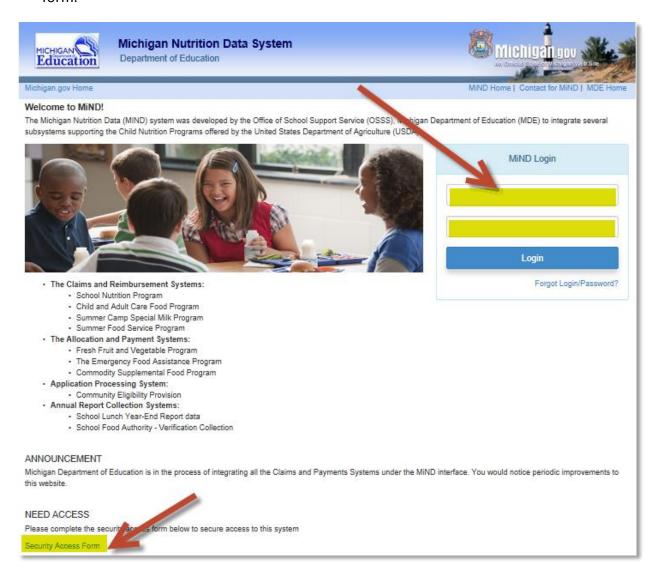
# Logging In To The MiND System

- a. In your browser, visit Michigan Education Information System (MEIS)<sup>i</sup>
- b. Select under "Claim and Payment Systems" the "MiND" link.



# Logging In To The MiND System, Continued

c. Log in with a valid MEIS login and password. Be sure your "Child Nutrition Programs – Security Authorization Form" is up to date and includes a request for FFVP access. If not, submit an updated form.

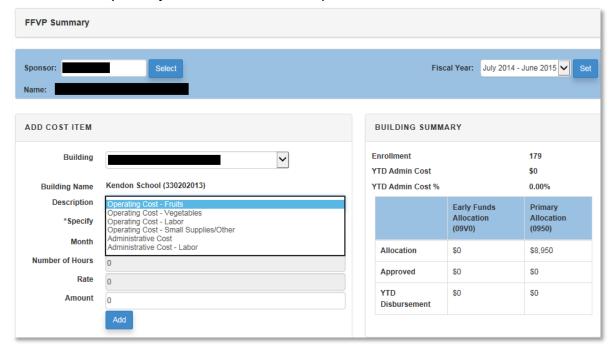


## MiND Home Page

This page lists payments received for FFVP for the given fiscal year and allows users to edit and submit new requests for reimbursement. There is a different page for each school building. Cost items are entered separately for each building. Information on past years' grant awards are also available for each school, if applicable (please note that grant awardees change each school year).

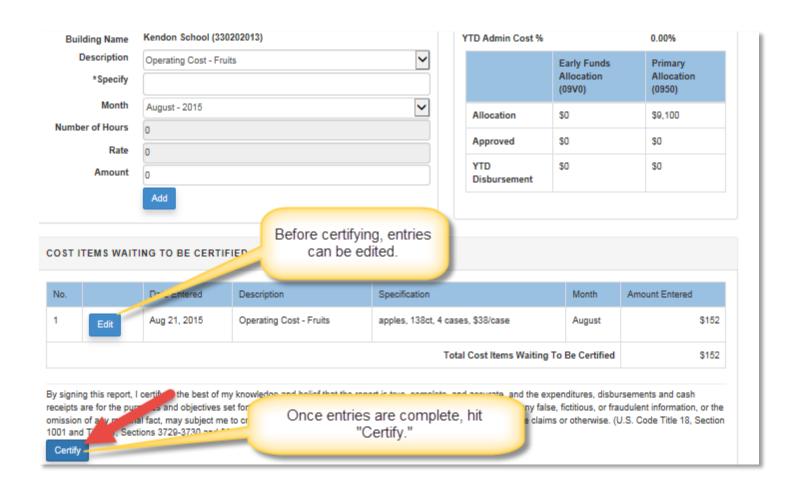
#### **Entering FFVP Costs**

- a. Select a cost item from the description drop-down. Options are:
  - i. Operating Cost Fruits
  - ii. Operating Cost Vegetables
  - iii. Operating Cost Small Supplies/Other
  - iv. Operating Cost Labor
  - v. Administrative Cost Non Labor
  - vi. Administrative Cost Labor
- b. Type in details in the "Specify" box (required for every category).
  - vii. For fruits or vegetables: Address to the best extent possible type of food, number of units, how much unit holds and cost per unit (Example: apples, 138ct, 4 cases, \$38/case)
  - viii. For labor: Enter pay rate and number of hours. Enter separate lines for wages and benefits (do not combine).
- c. Select the month of cost the month the expense actually happened.
- d. Enter the corresponding cost in the amount box for non labor (labor will automatically be calculated based on the rate and number of hours). Click "Add."
- e. After clicking "Add," the entered cost will be listed in the "Cost Items Waiting to Be Certified" section. Note: Level 2 users can add costs but cannot "Certify" the information.
- f. To modify the entered value, click "Edit."
  - ix. Make your adjustment and then hit "Update."



# **Certifying FFVP Costs**

- a. When complete, hit "Certify" to submit the claim to the FFVP Coordinator. Note: Level 2 users can add costs but cannot "Certify" the information.
  - a. After clicking "Certify," the costs listed in "Cost Items Waiting To Be Certified" section will be moved to the "Cost Items Waiting To Be Approved" section.
- b. Costs are due 60 days after the end of the month in which they were incurred.
- c. If an error is made and a cost item has already been certified, alert FFVP Coordinator of the issue.

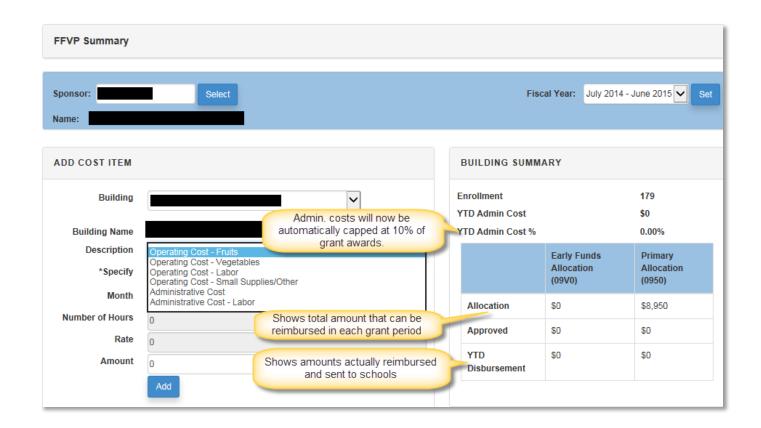


# **Cost Approvals:**

The FFVP Coordinator will approve the "Cost Items Waiting To Be Approved." Upon approval, the costs listed in "Cost Items Waiting To Be Approved" section will be transferred to the "Approved Cost Items" section.

# **Budget Management:**

For each school, upon cost approvals, the disbursed amount and percentage of administrative costs (capped at 10%) – shown in the upper right of each school's screen – should reflect actual spending. It is up to each school and district to use as much of the FFVP grant as possible and to budget accordingly so as to provide the free fresh fruit and vegetable snacks for as much of the regular school year as possible. Grant award money not used in early or main allocations will likely not be returned.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5236\_29341---,00.html